GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2914
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ADULTERATION OF FUELS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) has reported tothe Supreme Court that 26 per cent of the 72 petrol samples taken, had solvent content like benzene-higher than the level allowed by his Ministry;

(b) if so, whether according to the Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS)specifications, the percentage of samples falling in the test went down to 8.6 per cent;

(c) whether Bhurelal Committee reported that the adulterated liquid fuel canpass the BIS purity test as solvents mixed in limited quantity do not shop up;

(d) whether there are no strict guidelines on how to pick the samples with the Society for Petroleum Limited and his Ministry having different specifications on taking samples from the tankers; and

(e) if so, the steps being considered by the Government to prevent the adulteration of petrol?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (e): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.